



## Oil Movement by Rail and Pipeline Notification

The Department of Ecology adopted Chapter 173-185 WAC, Oil Movement by Rail and Pipeline Notification on August 24, 2016. Facilities subject to the rule will begin submitting crude-by-rail notifications when the rule goes into effect on October 1, 2016. The first biannual notice reports from pipelines subject to the rule are due January 31, 2017.

### What is Chapter 173-185 WAC?

This rule establishes reporting standards for facilities that receive crude oil by rail, and pipelines that transport crude oil through transmission pipelines in or through the state. Additionally, the rule describes reporting standards for Ecology to share information with emergency responders, local governments, tribes, and the public.

### Response to Comments

Ecology's response to comments received during the public comment period is now available in the Concise Explanatory Statement (CES) document. Download a copy at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/1608017.html>.

### Whom does this rule affect?

This rule applies to facilities in Washington State that receive crude oil deliveries transported through the state by rail and pipelines that transport crude oil in or through transmission pipelines in the state.

### More information

For more information on this rule, visit the website for the rule at: [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1513ov.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/spills/rules/1513ov.html).

To get updates on Ecology's rulemaking activities, sign-up for the WACTrack e-mail list at [www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/maillist.html).

#### WHY IT MATTERS

Notification of oil movement provides emergency responders with essential information they can use to better prepare for and respond to incidents.

The information provided identifies the volume and type of crude oil scheduled for transport through the state. Emergency responders can use the information to plan response strategies, equipment selection, and staffing levels.

#### Important dates:

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**Appeal procedures**

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